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*Suggested Activities
for Friends
in War-Time*



AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE has received many inquiries from Friends' groups asking for suggestions as to what part they may conscientiously take in the "Civilian Defense" efforts, national and local. Until a detailed study is completed, the Committee makes the following general suggestions:

Civilian Public Service

1. Provide financial assistance to costs of the Civilian Public Service program.
2. Make or collect clothing for boys who need it.
3. Produce and can food for use in C.P.S. camps.

One Friends' group gathers in their Meeting house an evening each week to can food for a Civilian Public Service camp. In addition they have collected clothing from their community for Civilian Public Service and while doing this were able to interest many people in their canning project with the result of gifts of more canned food for Civilian Public Service. These Friends are also taking a course in first-aid instruction another evening each week and hope their training and services may lead to a larger community project with a broader outlook.

Community Projects

1. Assist local social service organizations which need more workers.
 2. Assist local relief agency in providing food and clothing for needy members of the community.
 3. Fill gaps in public health activities, for instance, home nursing and hygiene.
 4. Fill gaps in recreational programs for underprivileged children.
 5. Provide help to overworked parents.
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6. Cooperate with other church groups in programs for community betterment.
 7. Extend fellowship to local aliens from enemy countries. Insure their fair and just treatment.
 8. Assist persons discharged from their occupations for reasons of conscience or nationality.
 9. Join in fellowship and recreation with members of minority cultural and racial groups in the community.
 10. If in or near a farming locality, help meet the shortage of farm labor.

In New York City the Quaker Emergency Service, formed in January to give opportunities for community civilian service to people who could not conscientiously cooperate with the government program of civilian defense, has been recognized by the regional Office of Civilian Defense as offering training courses (first aid, home nursing, nutrition, etc.) and placement in local settlements and welfare agencies equivalent to the volunteer activities offered by the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office.

American Friends Service Committee Projects

1. Provide financial assistance to A.F.S.C. overhead budget.
 2. If in or near a locality where there is an A.F.S.C. project, assist with the planning and carrying out of the project.
 3. Join an A.F.S.C. volunteer project.
 4. Sew, knit, collect and mend, clothing for distribution at home and abroad.
 5. Interest others in A.F.S.C. projects, their purposes and support.
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In view of the demand for immediate opportunities in volunteer service, the Peace Section and the Social-Industrial Section are opening two projects in April. A Civilian Training Center for Women located on a farm near Glen Mills, Pa., will be available for those women interested in from a two to six months' period of intensive training in vegetable gardening, food preservation, practical nursing, handicrafts and carpentry in order to prepare themselves for greater service in constructive good will in whatever situation they find themselves. In Indianapolis, Indiana, there will be an opportunity for men and women to assist members of the underprivileged Negro section of the city build a community center in connection with Flanner House, a center particularly concerned with helping to contribute to the social and recreational life of the Negroes as well as to their economic rehabilitation.

Study Groups

1. Promote community education on how to secure a just and durable peace.
2. Join or organize First Aid, Nutrition, Home Nursing, Consumer Problems, Cooperative Study Groups under qualified teachers.
3. Study local services to discover uncared-for community needs.
4. Study local housing conditions.

THE SERVICE COMMITTEE welcomes any information about projects being carried on by Friends' Meetings or other Friends' groups. Such information when considered of value to other groups of Friends, will be made available for those wishing to work along similar lines. Address such letters to:

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